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ORLANDO MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that Chief U.S. District Judge Anne C. Conway today sentenced Timothy Murphy (age 53, of Orlando) to 30 months in federal prison for possession of images of child pornography. The court also ordered him to pay a \$15,000 fine.

Murphy had pleaded guilty on November 23, 2009.

According to court documents, on June 20, 2007, Murphy lived in a home in Altamonte Springs, Florida, where a federal search warrant was executed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement(ICE) special agents. During the search of Murphy's residence the agents located and seized two computers. One of the computers contained approximately 75 images and 16 video files depicting nude and semi-nude females under the age of 18 in a variety of sexually explicit poses.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement(ICE). It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bruce S. Ambrose.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the

Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

This investigation was also part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to identify, investigate and arrest those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers, and foreign-national predators whose crimes make them deportable. Launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 12,000 individuals through Operation Predator. ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-347-2423. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.